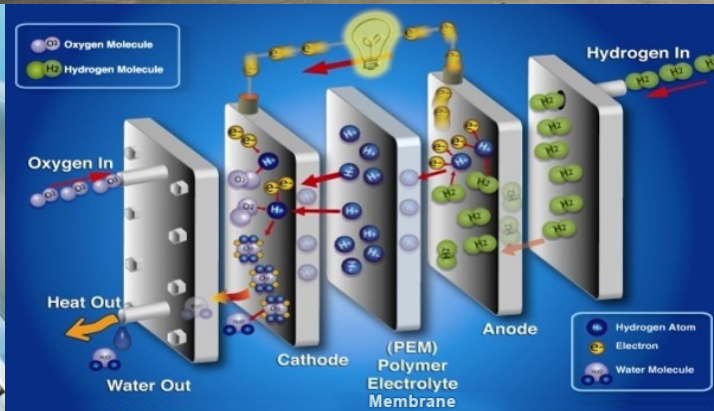


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**ENERGY** | Energy Efficiency &  
Renewable Energy



## An Overview of U.S. DOE's Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program

21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Solid State Ionics

Padua, Italy

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## 1970s

A group from labs, government and industry met at Los Alamos to set the foundation for DOE fuel cell programs



Lab researchers taught scientists around the world how to fabricate fuel cell electrodes. Group from GM relocated to Los Alamos.



Forty years later, for the first time in history....



*Hyundai Tucson Fuel Cell SUV*



*Toyota Mirai*



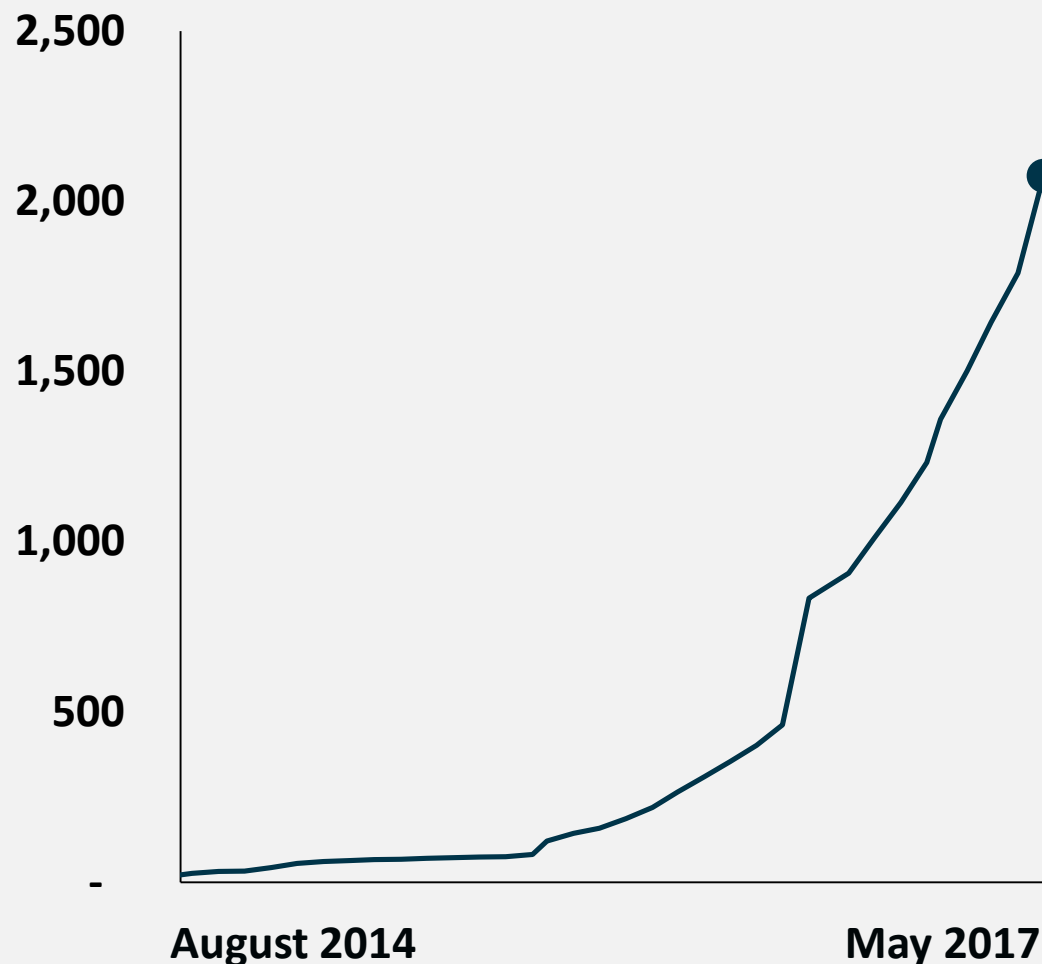
*Honda Clarity*

# Commercial fuel cell electric cars are here!

Power, performance,  
petroleum-free, pollution-free

- ✓ Refuels in minutes
- ✓ More than 360 mi driving range
- ✓ Over 60 mpgge

## Fuel Cell Car Sales Growing



Note: Cumulative number of vehicles sold/leased. Source: hybridcars.com



**2,000**  
fuel cell cars

**sold or leased in the U.S.**

**78%**  
of executives



**Absolutely or partly  
agree that**

**Fuel cell cars will be  
the real breakthrough  
for electric mobility**

# Fuel Cells: Big leaps in the last couple of years



**Fuel cell electric delivery and parcel trucks –  
First of its kind demonstration starting  
deliveries this summer!**



**First fuel cell cargo truck at U.S. airport**



**World's first fuel cell for maritime ports**





# Fuel Cells: Big leaps in the last couple of years

## Fuel cell powered lights at Super Bowl



## Fuel cell buses in CA surpass 17M passengers

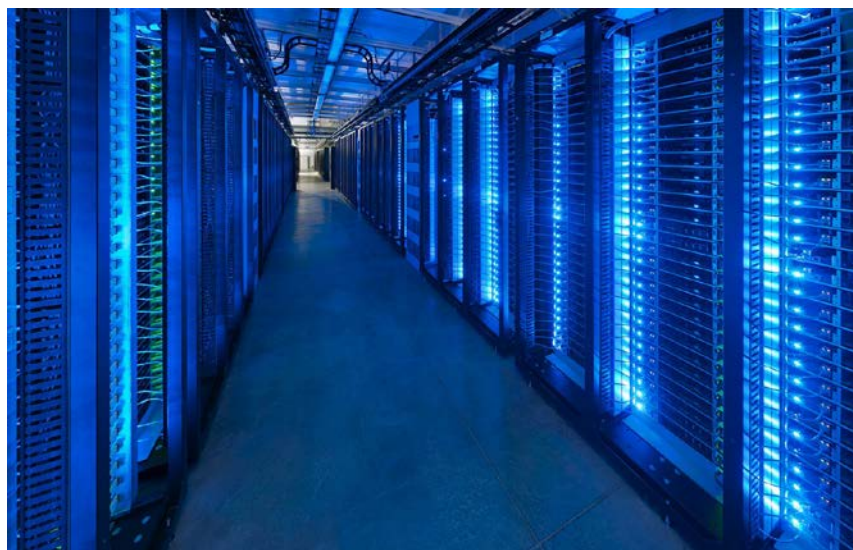
## Industry demonstrates first heavy duty truck



## ZH2: U.S. Army and GM collaboration First of its kind







Data centers require non-stop electrical power



Reliable power is vital at hospitals



Supermarkets- growing interest for reliable power

## Fuel Cell Stationary Power in the U.S.

### Installations

More than  
**235 MW**  
in at least  
**43 states**

### Top States

- **By unit size:** DE (30 MW) and CT (14.9 MW)
- **By number of units** CA (480 systems)

Source: DOE Fuel Cell Technologies Office. State of the States Report (2016)



Photo credit. Time.com

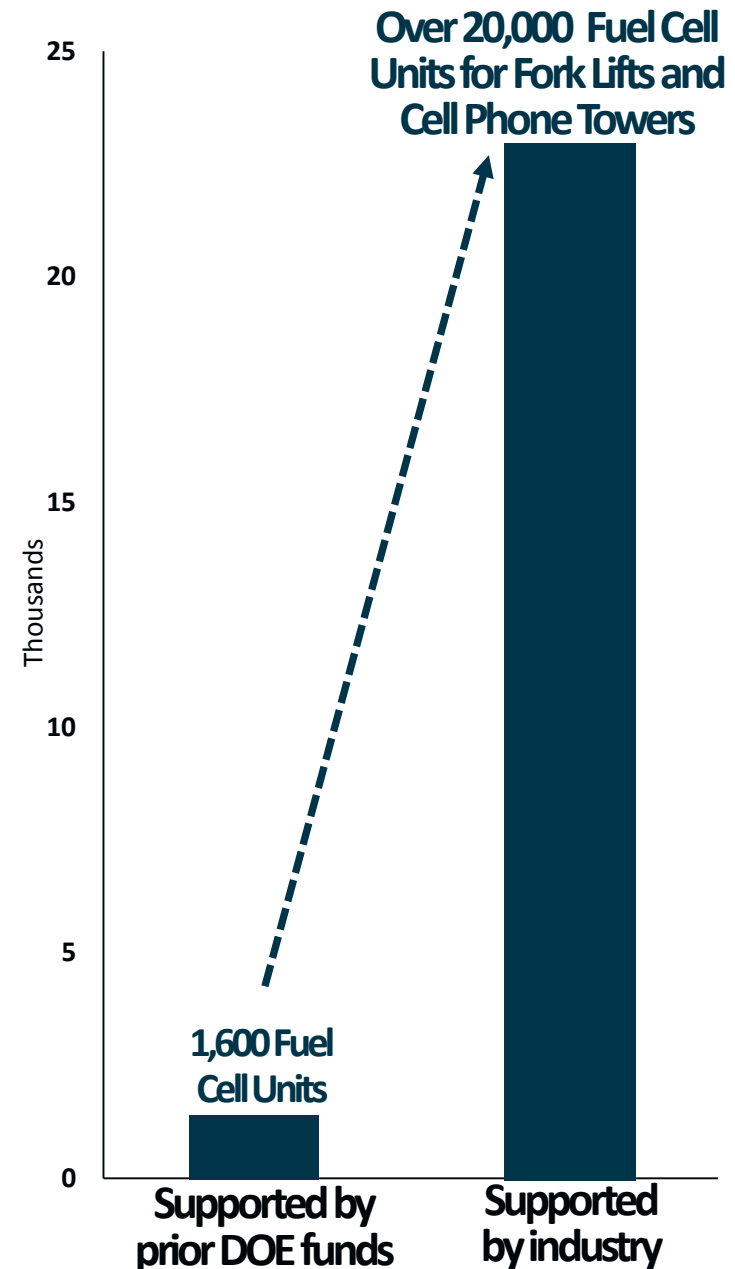
New World Trade Center using fuel cells

# Industry Orders for Fuel Cells on the Rise



**Over 15,000 fuel cell forklifts  
deployed or on order**

**Approx. 6 million hydrogen  
refuelings to date**





## Early R&D Focus

Applied research, development and innovation in emerging hydrogen and fuel cell technologies leading to:

- Energy security
- Energy resiliency
- Strong domestic economy

### Early R&D Areas



#### Fuel Cells

- PGM- free catalysts
- Durable MEAs
- Electrode structure performance

PGM = Platinum group metals

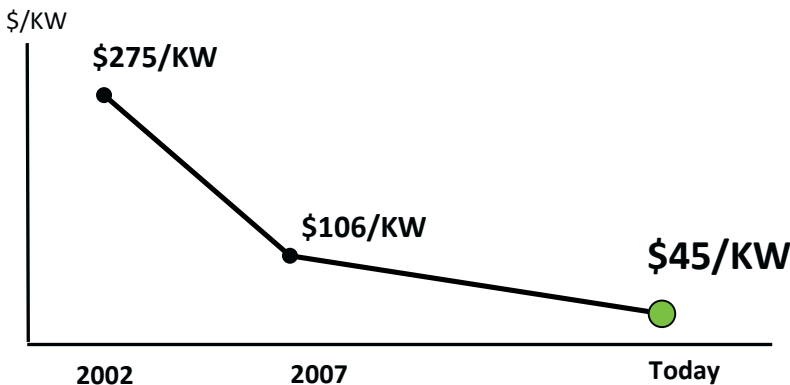


#### Hydrogen

- Production pathways
- Delivery components
- Advanced materials for storage

### Early R&D Impact

#### 80% Lower Fuel Cell Cost

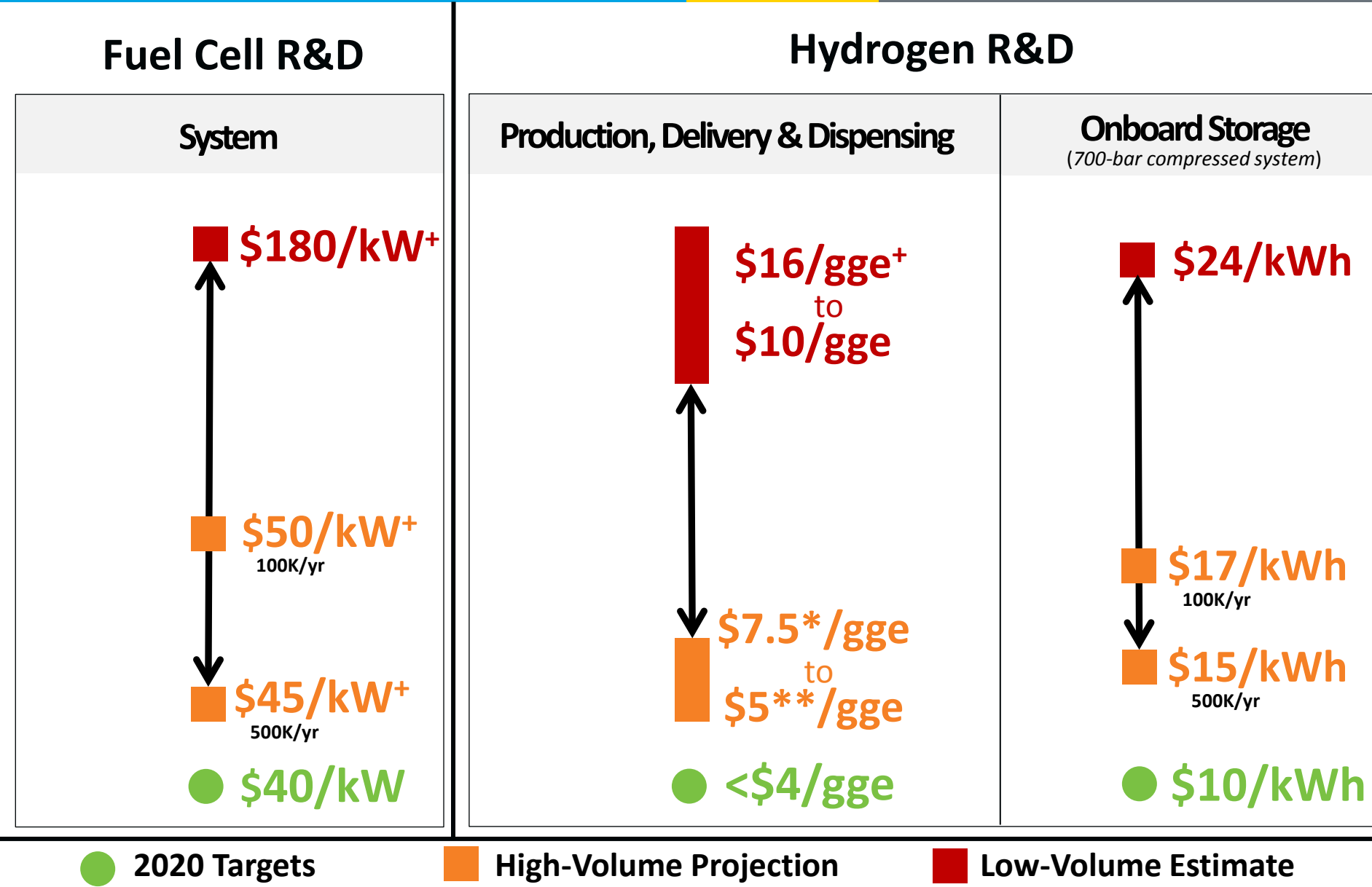


#### Greater Fuel Cell Durability

**4X more hours** of fuel cell lifetime since 2006

#### 80% Lower Electrolyzer Cost

for H<sub>2</sub> production since 2002





## Fuel Cells

Bipolar Plates  
Membranes  
BOP  
MEA  
Frames/Gaskets  
GDLs



Focusing on...



**Low and Non PGM  
Catalysts,  
Alkaline  
Membranes**

## H<sub>2</sub> Station

Storage  
Cooling  
Dispensing  
Other



**Advanced  
Compression  
Alternate  
Approaches**

## H<sub>2</sub> Storage

BOP/Assembly  
Other processing  
Resin

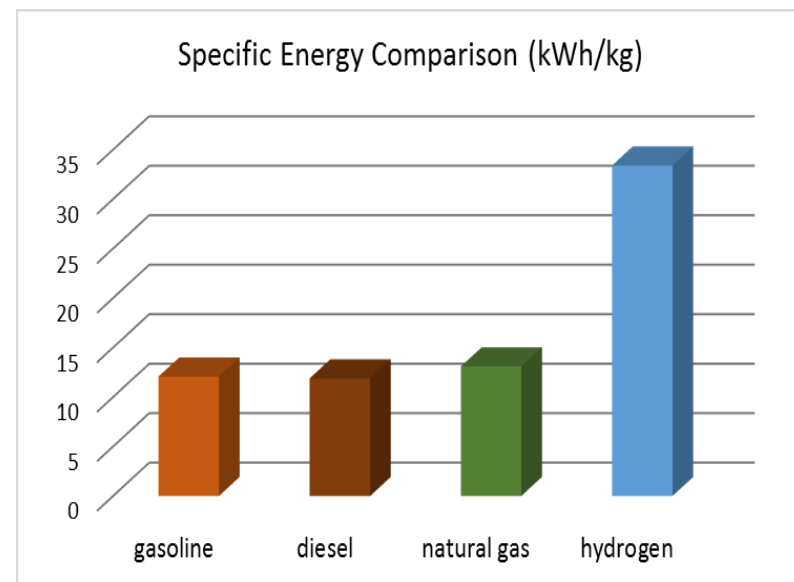
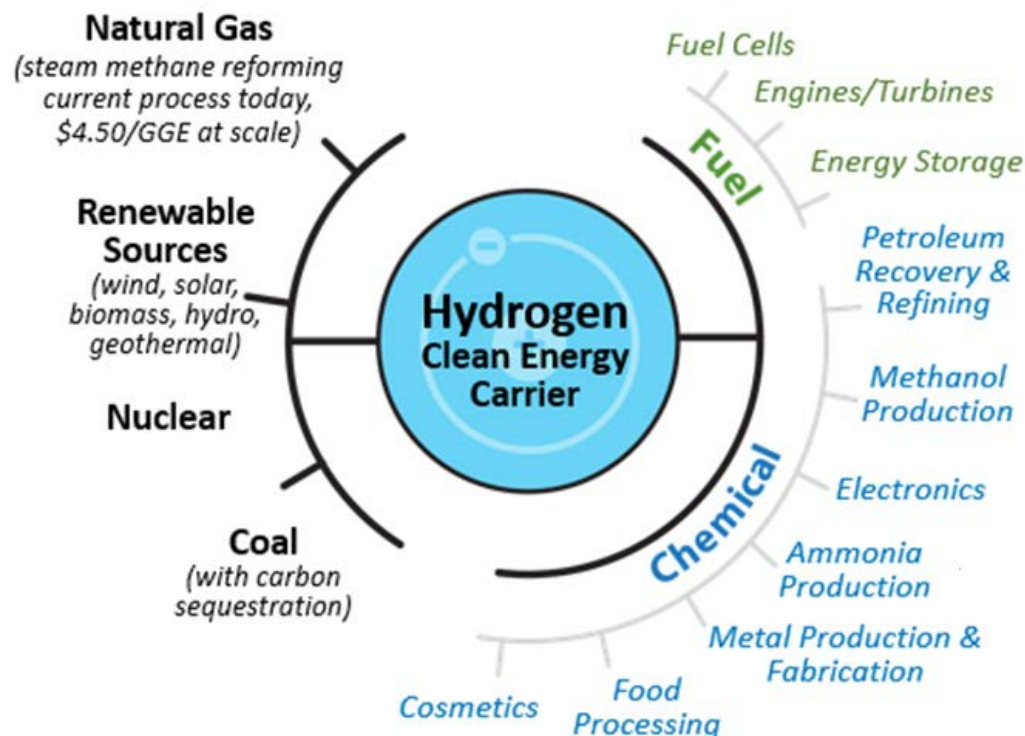


**Low Cost Carbon  
Fiber (CF)  
Long term Materials  
Approaches**

**A multitude of sources can be used to produce H<sub>2</sub>**

**Many applications rely on or could benefit from H<sub>2</sub>**

**Very High Specific Energy**

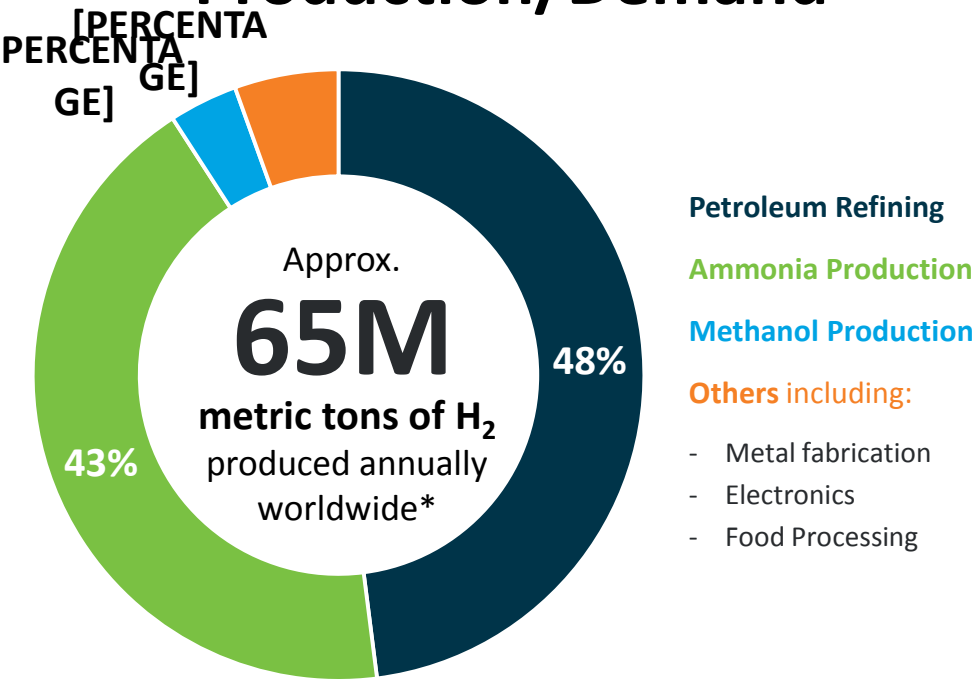


**About *three times* more energy by mass than most other fuels!**

***Hydrogen is a clean, sustainable, versatile, and efficient energy carrier***



## Global Annual H<sub>2</sub> Production/Demand

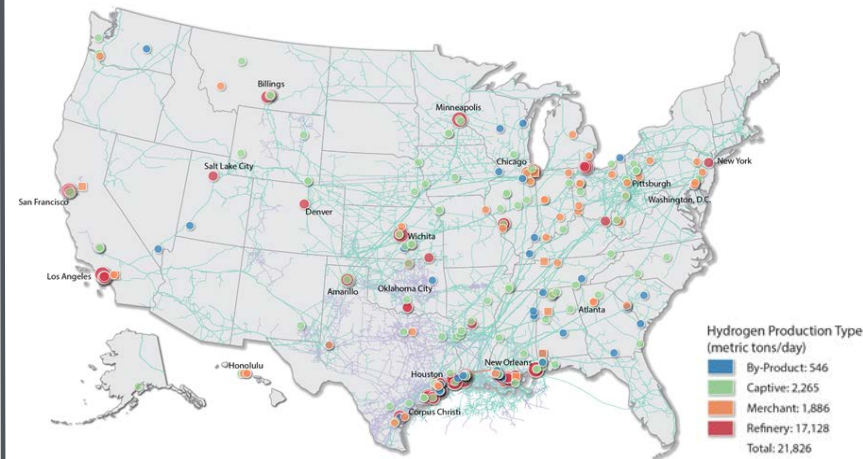


**Steam methane reforming of natural gas (SMR):**  
currently most cost-competitive process to produce H<sub>2</sub>

Source: Markets and Markets. Hydrogen Generation Market: Global Trends & Forecasts to 2019, 2014.

**Current H<sub>2</sub> Infrastructure:**  
**1,600 miles** of H<sub>2</sub> pipeline  
**>50 H<sub>2</sub> Stations** (27 public)

## Centralized H<sub>2</sub> production facilities in the U.S.



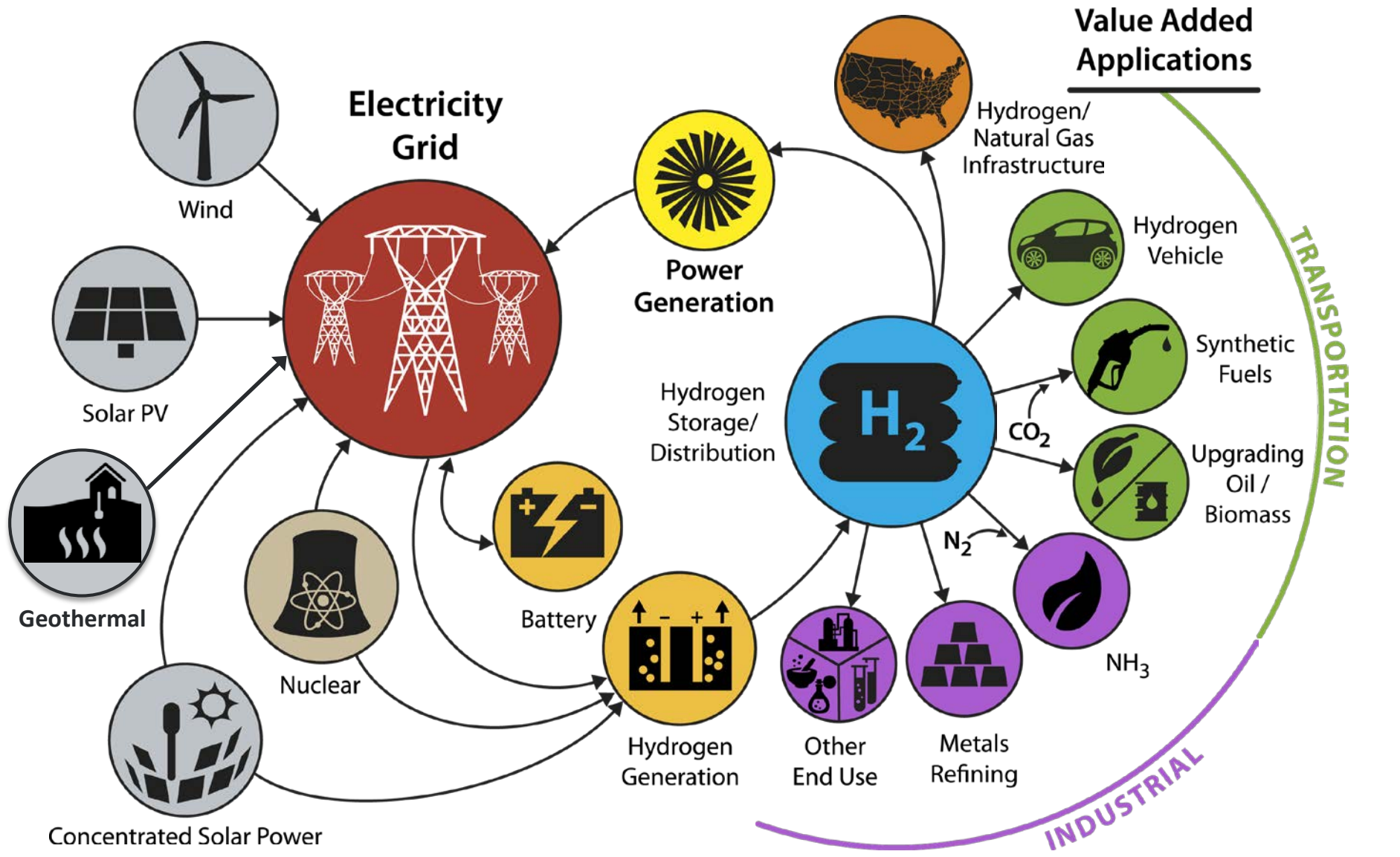
Source: NREL

**10 million metric tons of H<sub>2</sub>**  
produced every year in the U.S.

## Cost- Competitive H<sub>2</sub> Fuel

- H<sub>2</sub> from Natural Gas through SMR
- At-scale production
- **<\$2/gge produced** (\$4.50/gge delivered)

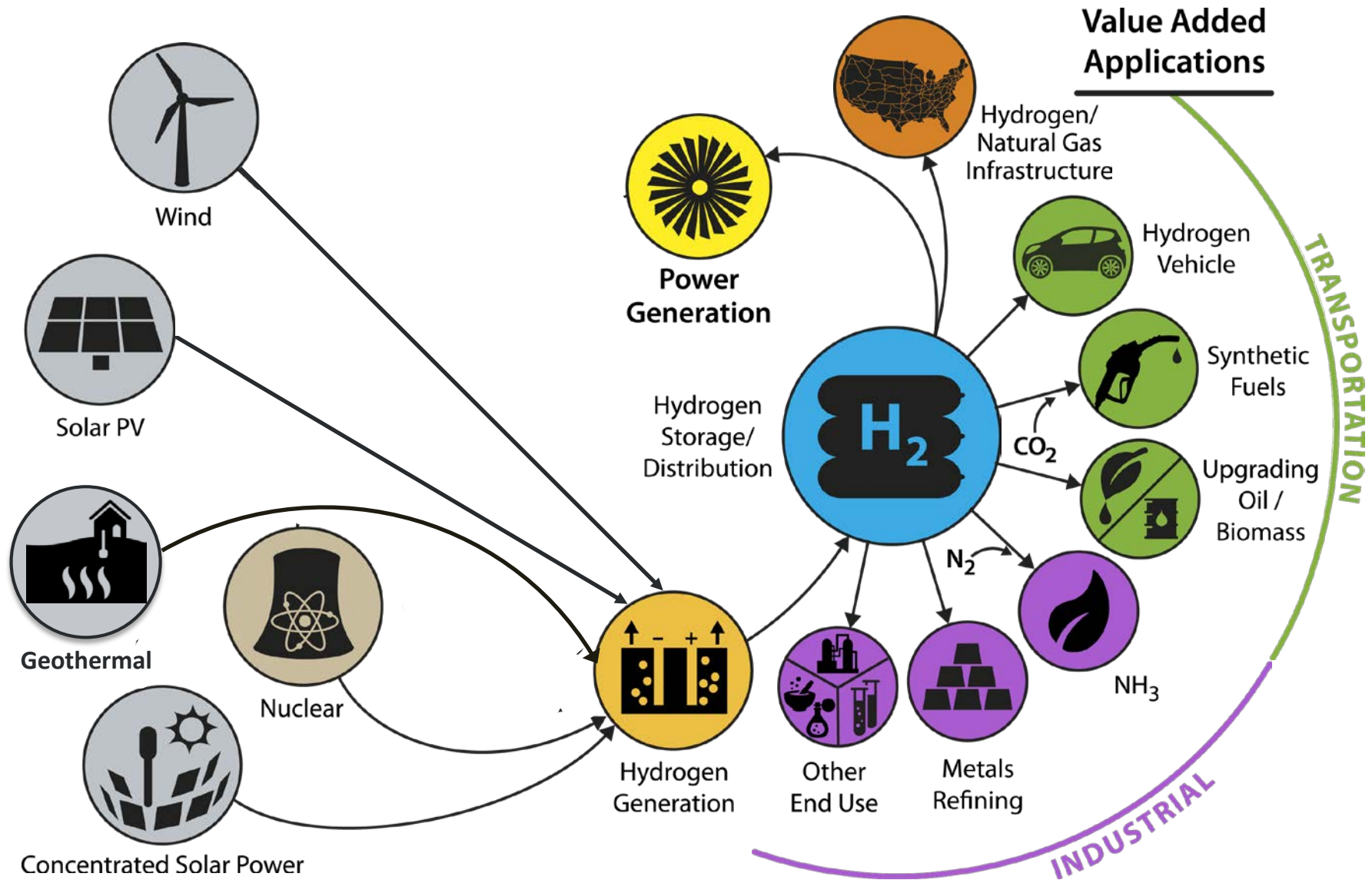
# Conceptual H<sub>2</sub> at Scale Energy System



\*Illustrative example, not comprehensive  
Source: NREL



# Conceptual H<sub>2</sub> at Scale Energy System



# Complementing Retail Stations: H<sub>2</sub> Refuel H-Prize

## The competition



- ✓ DOE \$1M prize
- ✓ Focuses on system for **small-scale refueling**
- ✓ Authorized in **Energy Independence and Security Act**

More info: [hydrogenprize.org](http://hydrogenprize.org)

## The winning system



- ✓ Designed by **three-member team**:
  - Ivys Energy Solutions and McPhy Energy (MA)
  - PDC Machines (PA)
- ✓ Produces **H<sub>2</sub> via electrolysis**
- ✓ Dispenses **1 kg of H<sub>2</sub> in 15 mins or less**
- ✓ Allows **700 bar refueling**

More info: [www.teamsimplefuel.com](http://www.teamsimplefuel.com)

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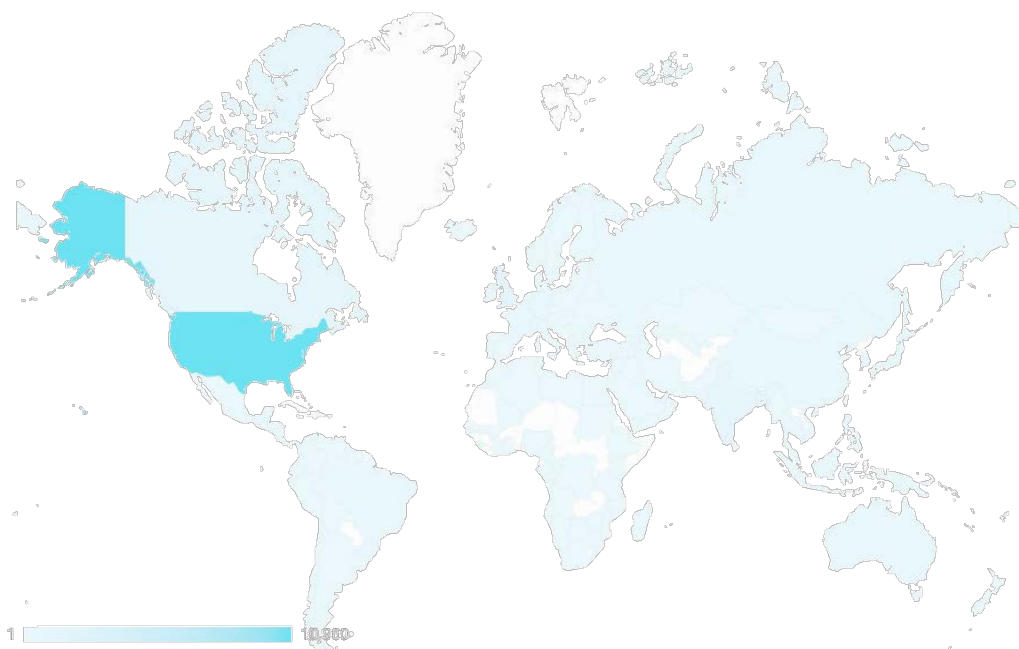




## H2Tools.org disseminates information on hydrogen safety

### A Global Resource

nearing 150,000 visits since 2015 - 50% are international  
Portions translated to Japanese, other languages underway



**Hydrogen Risk  
Assessment Models  
(HyRAM)** for risk analysis  
under various scenarios

**Hydrogen Safety Panel**  
with 400 years of  
collective safety  
expertise, collaborating  
worldwide to advance  
safety, codes & standards

**Nominations for experts  
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  - Hydrogen fuel
  - Fuel cells
  - H2@Scale
- **Leverage activities to maximize impact**
  - Enable infrastructure and cross-sector impacts
  - Partnerships- other agencies, industry, states, etc.
  - Collaboration on safety R&D and information sharing



## Save the Dates!



Participate in social media using  
**#HydrogenNow #FuelCellsNow**

### **H2@Scale Session at the Fuel Cell Seminar**

November  
Long Beach, LA

**AMR and Industry Expo**  
June 2018 (to be confirmed soon)  
Washington, DC



# Thank You

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